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North Milliken Grade Separation, Ontario

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## Newsletter and Meeting Schedule for the SANBAG Board of Directors

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### SANBAG BOARD MEETING BRIEFS

#### Federal grant funds awarded

In May, 2013, SANBAG released a Call for Projects for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Job Access Reverse Commute and New Freedom Grant Programs. SANBAG is responsible for the preparation of a public transit-human services coordinated plan and for ensuring that projects submitted for grant funds address service gaps and/or needs as identified in the coordination plan. At the October Board Meeting, 14 San Bernardino Valley projects received a total of \$3.6 million in Federal funds, with local matching funds in the amount of \$2.3 million. Three Victor Valley projects received a total of \$692,023 in Federal funds, with local matching funds of \$331,081. In general, the programs provide special bus and van services for seniors and persons with disabilities, special medical and work transportation, and other access to mobility services.

#### North end of Tippecanoe project to begin

Motorists exiting the eastbound off-ramp at the I-10/Tippecanoe-Anderson Interchange in Loma Linda and San Bernardino have been watching the ongoing construction to widen the ramps on the south side of the I-10 freeway. New construction on the north side of the interchange is nearly ready to proceed to construction. At their October meeting, the SANBAG Board approved the Plans, Specifications, and Estimate and authorized the Invitations for Bids for construction could be advertised in January 2014. Construction will start in late spring 2014.

#### Alternative delivery method approved

The SANBAG Board approved using an alternative delivery method of Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) as the delivery method of construction for the I-215/Barton Road Interchange Project in Grand Terrace. Per Assembly Bill No. 2498, passed in September 2012, this method was considered a cost-effective option for constructing transportation projects on the state highway system. This method allows an agency to engage a Construction Manager (Contractor) during the design phase in order to provide input on materials, construction staging, scheduling, and cost estimating to make the design a more constructible project.

The goals of the CM/GC delivery method include:

Reduced delivery time	Reduced construction costs
Real-time accurate pricing	Improved cost reliability
Innovation of materials/staging	Appropriate risk allocation
Improved constructability	Reduced owners' resources

### COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG)

#### Alliance for Education Explained

As part of an ongoing effort by SANBAG and the County of San Bernardino to achieve a Countywide Vision, a presentation about the "Alliance for Education" was presented to the SANBAG Board in October.



The Mission is to produce an educated and skilled community that provides a qualified workforce for the continued economic well-being and improved quality of life for all residents of San Bernardino County. Alliance Director Leslie Rodden, M.A. stated, "It takes a combination of a rigorous academic curriculum, strong family support, and development of workforce training programs to create the Cradle to Career Roadmap."



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### OCTOBER 2013

OCT 9	General Policy	9:00 am
OCT 10	Metro Valley Study	9:00 am
OCT 17	Commuter Rail/Transit	10:00 am
OCT 18	Mountain/Desert	9:30 am

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

OCT 8	SANBAG Vendor Fair Santa Fe Depot Lobby	9 am-Noon
OCT 10	Express Lanes Board Workshop	10 am-Noon
OCT 15, 16, 17	Express Lanes Community Advisory Groups	6-8 pm
OCT 17	High Desert Opportunity Victorville Fairgrounds	All day
OCT 29	Mobility 21 Summit Los Angeles, Marriott, LA Live	All day
OCT 30	Dedication Ceremony N. Milliken Grade Separation, Ontario	10 am

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## Regional Forum on Public Safety held in Morongo Basin

The San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) offered a regional forum on Public Safety in the Morongo Basin on October 3. This community event focused on public safety and was hosted by SANBAG Board Member George Huntington (Yucca Valley) and featured San Bernardino Superior Court Presiding Judge Marsha Slough, San Bernardino County Sheriff John McMahon, and Caltrans District 8 Director Basem Muallem. More than fifty people participated in the 2-hour interactive forum.



Photo (l-r): Jim Harris (Twentynine Palms), Sheriff John McMahon, Basem Muallem (Caltrans District 8), Ray Wolfe (SANBAG), Superior Court Judge Marsha Slough, George Huntington (Yucca Valley)

The event is part of a regular series of regional meetings being offered by SANBAG that highlight area-specific issues. Attendees have the opportunity to engage in focused dialogue with the presenters on a variety of subjects.

The initial forum was held last June in Rancho Cucamonga and featured representatives from the National Park Service discussing the merits of extending the national park area in the San Gabriel Mountains (including a portion within San

Bernardino County). "In our role as a regional council of governments, it is important that we take on quality of life issues from all corners of our county," SANBAG President Bill Jahn said. "The Morongo Basin Regional Forum is just one more opportunity to help the people we represent have a voice on the issues that matter the most."

## Hero Program to launch in San Bernardino County

SANBAG will officially launch the HERO (Home Energy Renovation Opportunity) Program on October 21, 2013. The program allows a jurisdiction and an interested property owner to enter into a contractual agreement to finance the installation of eligible renewable energy, energy efficiency, or water efficiency improvements that are permanently affixed to residential or commercial properties in participating cities, towns, and unincorporated areas in San Bernardino County. SANBAG loans the property owner the funds, which are repaid through an assessment

on the owner's property tax bill. SANBAG gets the funds to loan by selling bonds to private investors; more than \$200 million has already been committed from private investors for the program. HERO Financing is low cost with a fixed interest rate for more than 150,000 eligible energy and water efficient products and renewable energy systems.



After October 21, please go to the program website listed to the right. Each municipality will have its own landing page, branded with the city seal for recognition. SANBAG will soon be adding a member of the program team to the front reception area at the SANBAG office to assist people interested in the program.

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Program website:

[www.heroprogram.com](http://www.heroprogram.com)

## "Don't Text and Drive" campaign promoted nationwide

Wireless cell phone providers throughout the nation are collaborating to get the message out to the public, including both teens and adults, that they should not text, or even glance away to read text messages, while driving a motor vehicle. It only takes a split second to miss seeing a stop sign, red light, another vehicle, a bicyclist, or a pedestrian. The "It can wait" campaign's goal is to save lives.

